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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Intelligence Support/DDI

SUBJECT: First Meeting, DDI China Task Force

1. The first meeting of the China Task Force was held on 13 May 1966, in the USIB Conference Room, Chairman Sidney Bearman (OCI) presiding. In attendance were William Rhodes and Joseph Seng (NPIC), John Kerry King (Coordinator for Academic Relations), Robert Farrell (ONE), Walter Southard (RS), Neil Aldrich (ORR), Karl Weber (DD/S&T), George Waggoner (OBI), and Walter Bass (DDI/ISS).

2. John King asked that all reports on visits to the NDEA China Centers be submitted to him so that he may prepare a final report and recommendations. He made the following preliminary comments on the academic survey:

Contrary to some fears, the CIA visitors were treated well; however, the about 125 professors consulted were mainly those who were expected to be friendly;

There is a shortage of students in the China field, especially at the junior, senior and graduate levels;

Library facilities for research on Modern China are thin, even at the best facilities such as Harvard;

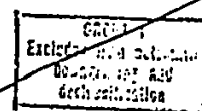
Newer schools and those with recently inaugurated programs on China appear to be doing more work on Modern China than the older schools and programs;

With regard to what the Agency should do with respect to the Academic world:

Continue and broaden the type of contacts made through these initial visits, utilizing ~~US~~ and field recruiters for permanent contacts; *DCS*

Support academic institutions in every reasonable way, especially with unclassified finished reports,

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FBIS reports and tapes, FDD reports and sources, and similar releasable materials;

Overall, concentrate on a public relations program for the near future.

3. As an immediate response to an almost universal appeal from the academic world for an indexing of JPRS, Mr. Bearman asked Mr. Bass to investigate the means and cost for indexing the JPRS reports on Communist China and, at the same time, to relate this information to the possible indexing of FBIS-China reports and the reports of the Press Monitoring Unit of the American Consulate General Hong Kong.

4. In response to a request by Mr. Frank Most of the CHIVE Task Force that the China Task Force make plans to review in the near future the KWIC project of the Current Awareness Task Group (CHIVE), an ad hoc committee was established by Mr. Bearman consisting of the DDI/ISS representative as chairman and one analyst to be selected by each of the research elements as members. The KWIC project is currently working only on collateral documents on China. In preparation for this review the members will review a keyword index of China reports from SR which is similar to that being planned in CHIVE.

5. Mr. Bearman said he was studying carefully a recent paper describing General Reynolds functions, as a result of which he may better arrive at general objectives of the China Task Force itself.

6. The meeting was adjourned sine die.

  
WALTER E. BASS

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